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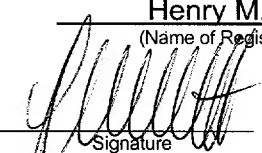
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Appl. No.: 09/825,678) Examiner: Lee, Benny T.
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to E) which were cited in the European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding European patent application No. EP 01 10 5055 and references F) to I). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Great Britain	GB 2 291 285 A	Spinner GmbH	01-17-1996
B)	USA	US 5 195 910 A	Enomoto et al.	03-23-1993
C)	Germany	DE 42 06 092 C	Spinner GmbH	07-01-1993
D)	USA	US 5 281 167 A	Le et al.	01-25-1994
E)	USA	US 5 547 395 A	Delamotte	08-20-1996
F)	Great Britain	GB 2 331 634 A	The Whitaker Corp.	05-26-1999
G)	Germany	DE 34 03 805 C2	Spinner	08-14-1985
H)	USA	US 5 387 128 A	Hosler, Sr.	02-07-1995
I)	USA	US 5 802 710 A	Bufanda et al.	09-08-1998

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the European Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference G) describes a device for connecting coaxial cables and includes an inner bridging member rigidly connecting the inner conductors of the cables to be linked. The outer conductors of the cable are connected by a metal sleeve which resiliently surrounds and contacts both outer conductors and is clamped in circumferential direction. The sleeve is divided in distinct sections whereby those sections surrounding the conductors to be connected are provided with webs extending radially inwardly so as to provide the resilience of the sleeve.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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	DE 34 03 805 C2	08-14-1985	Germany			no

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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EINSCHLÄGIGE DOKUMENTE			
Kategorie	Kennzeichnung des Dokuments mit Angabe, soweit erforderlich, der maßgeblichen Teile	Betrifft Anspruch	KLASSIFIKATION DER ANMELDUNG (Int.Cl.7)
X	GB 2 291 285 A (SPINNER GMBH ELEKTROTECH) 17. Januar 1996 (1996-01-17) * Seite 4, Zeile 24; Abbildung 1 *	1,3,8,9, 11,15-17	H01R13/646 H01R4/02
X A	US 5 195 910 A (ENOMOTO HIDEYUKI ET AL) 23. März 1993 (1993-03-23) * Spalte 4, Zeile 14 - Zeile 27; Anspruch 8 *	20 1,3,5,8, 9	
A,D	DE 42 06 092 C (SPINNER GMBH ELEKTROTECHNISCHE FABRIK) 1. Juli 1993 (1993-07-01) * Spalte 2, Zeile 42 - Zeile 47; Anspruch 2 *	1,3,8,9, 11,16,17	
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A	US 5 547 395 A (Delamotte Jean C) August 20, 1996 (08-20-1996) * the entire document	1-19	
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The present Search Report is relevant for all claims.			
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